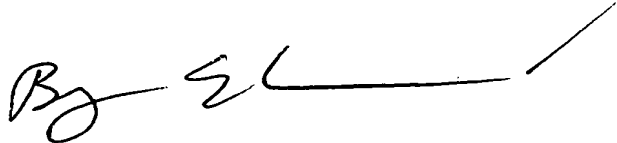


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Having thus overcome the sole requirement made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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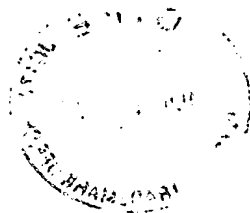


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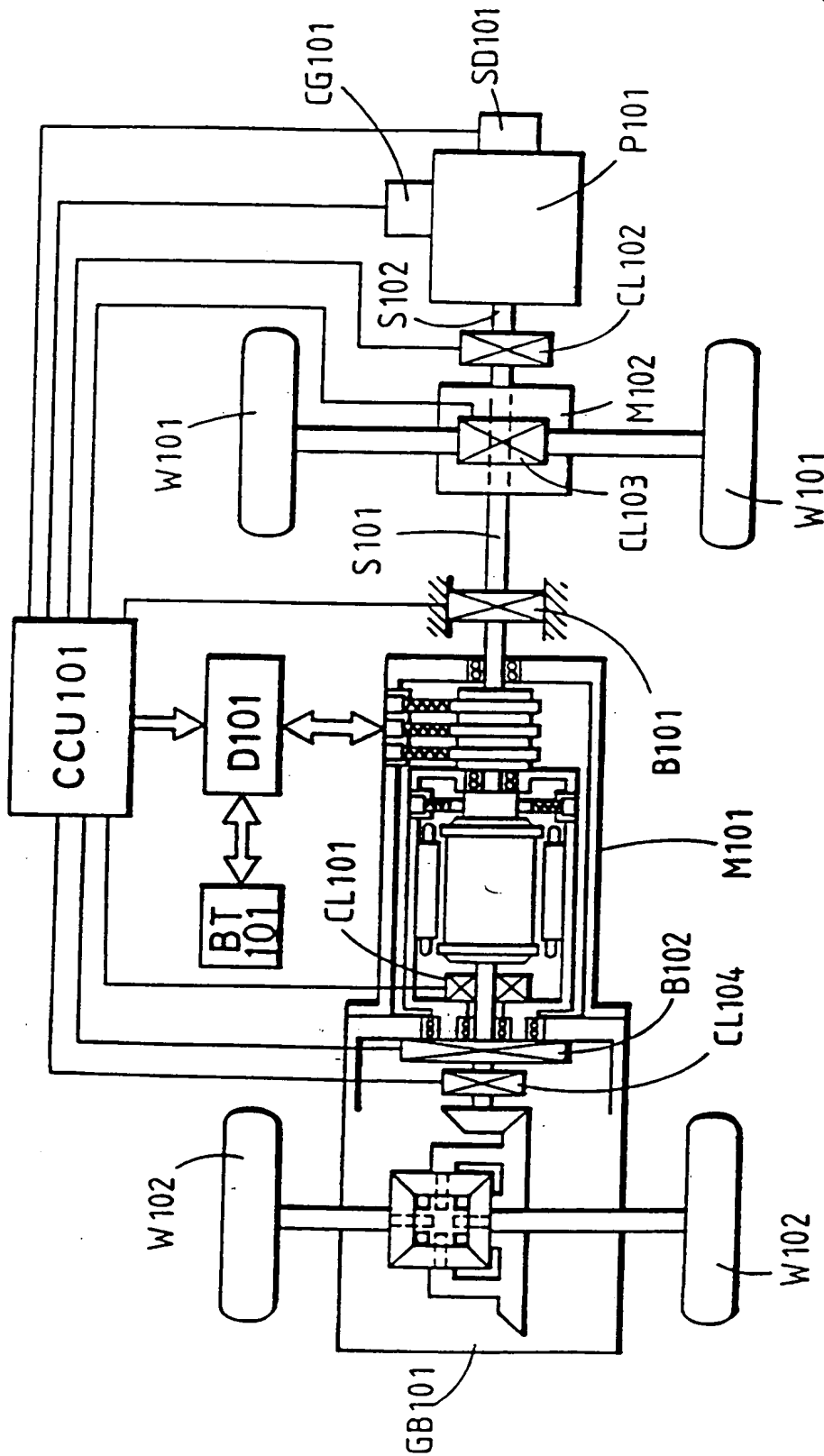
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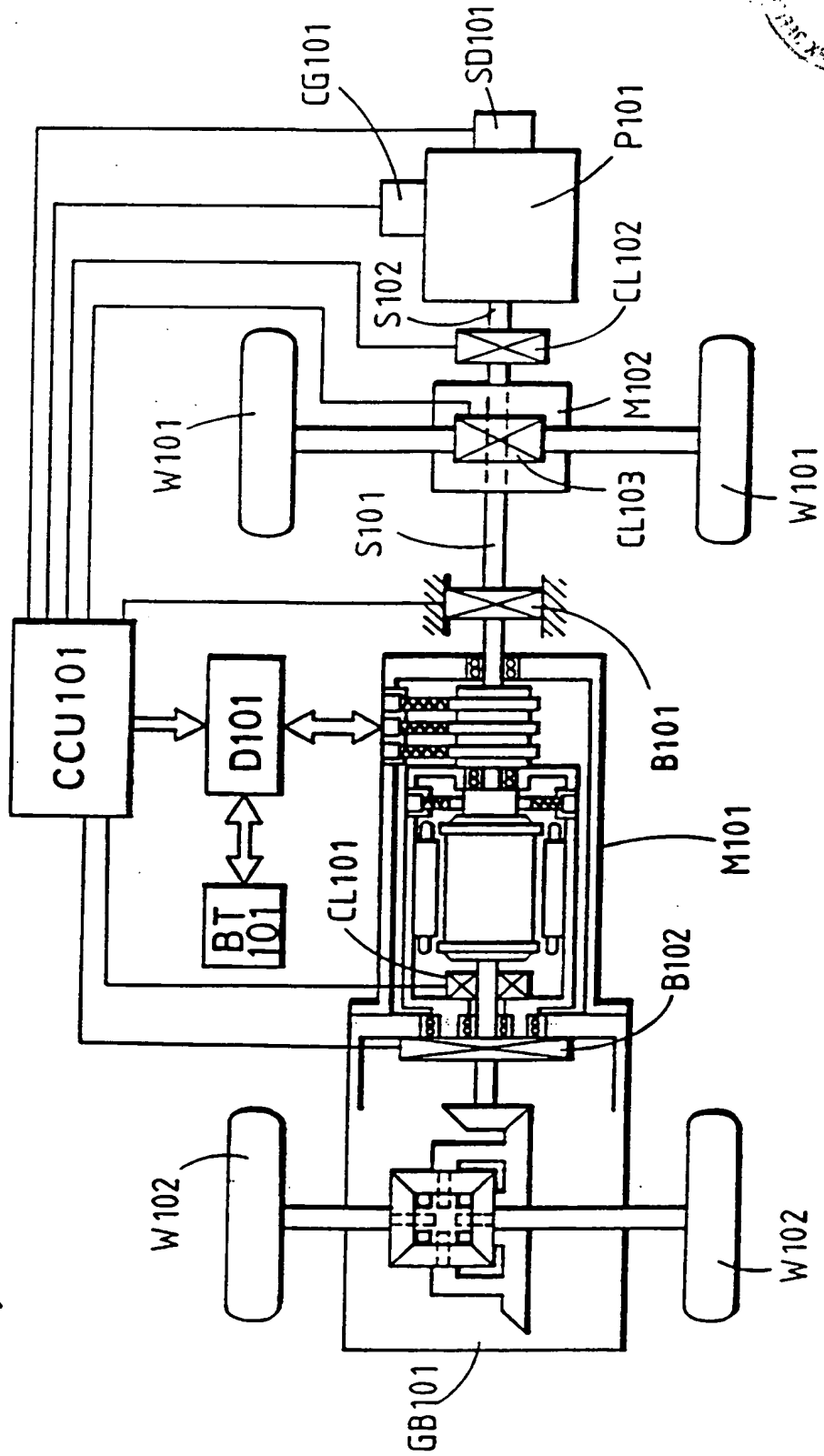


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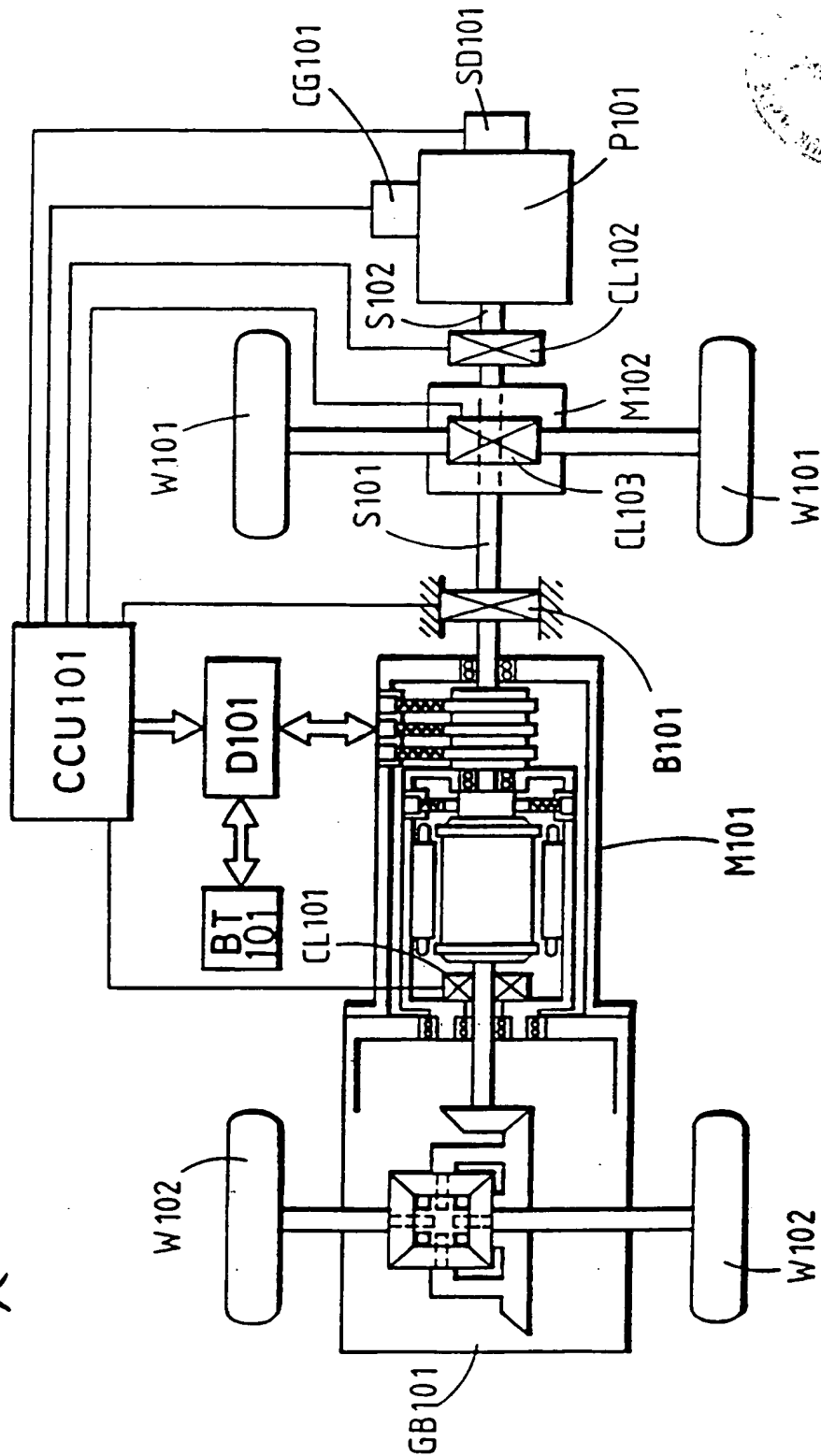




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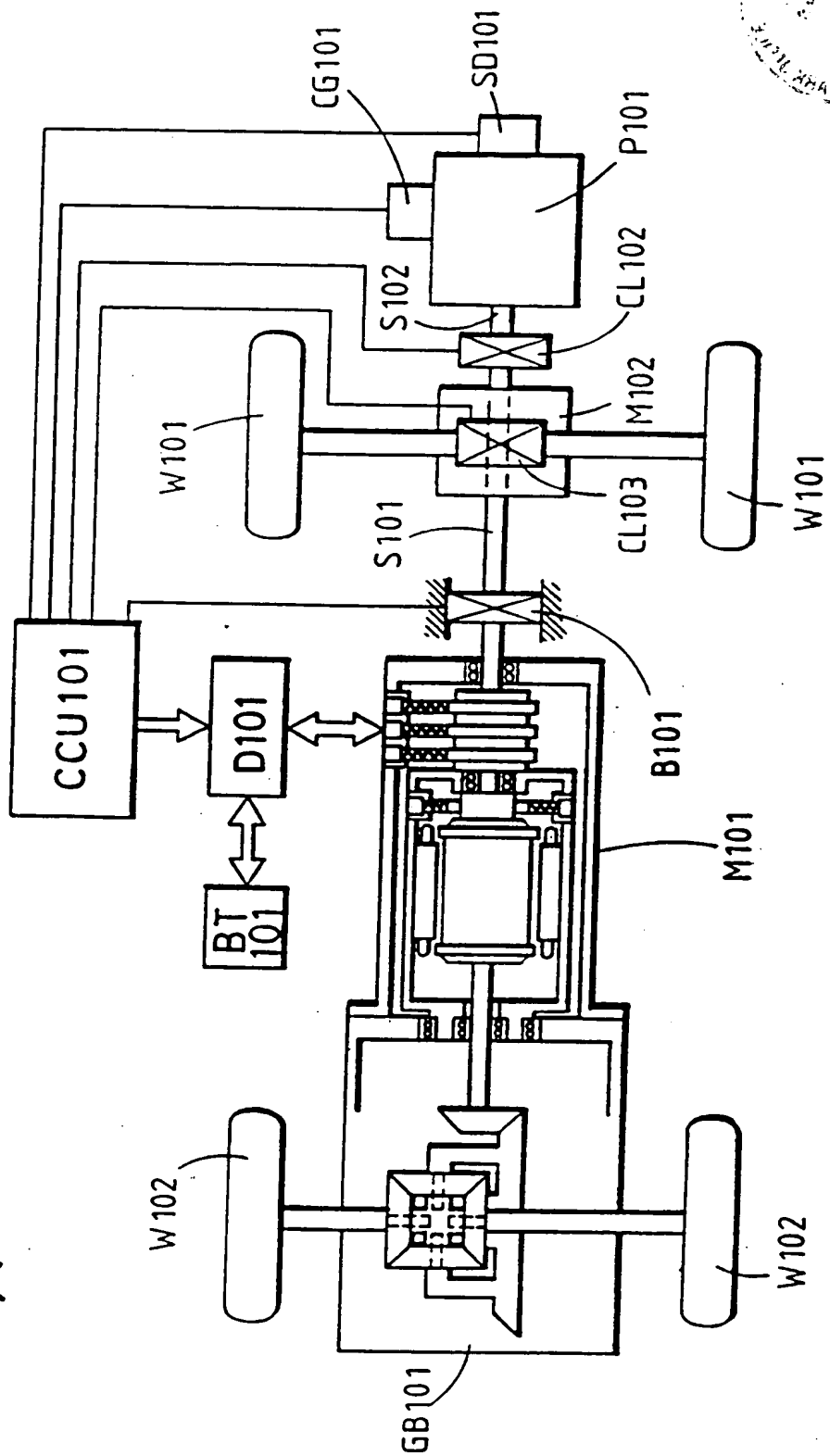


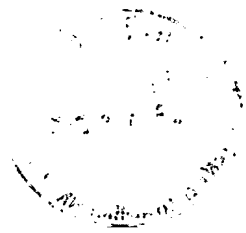
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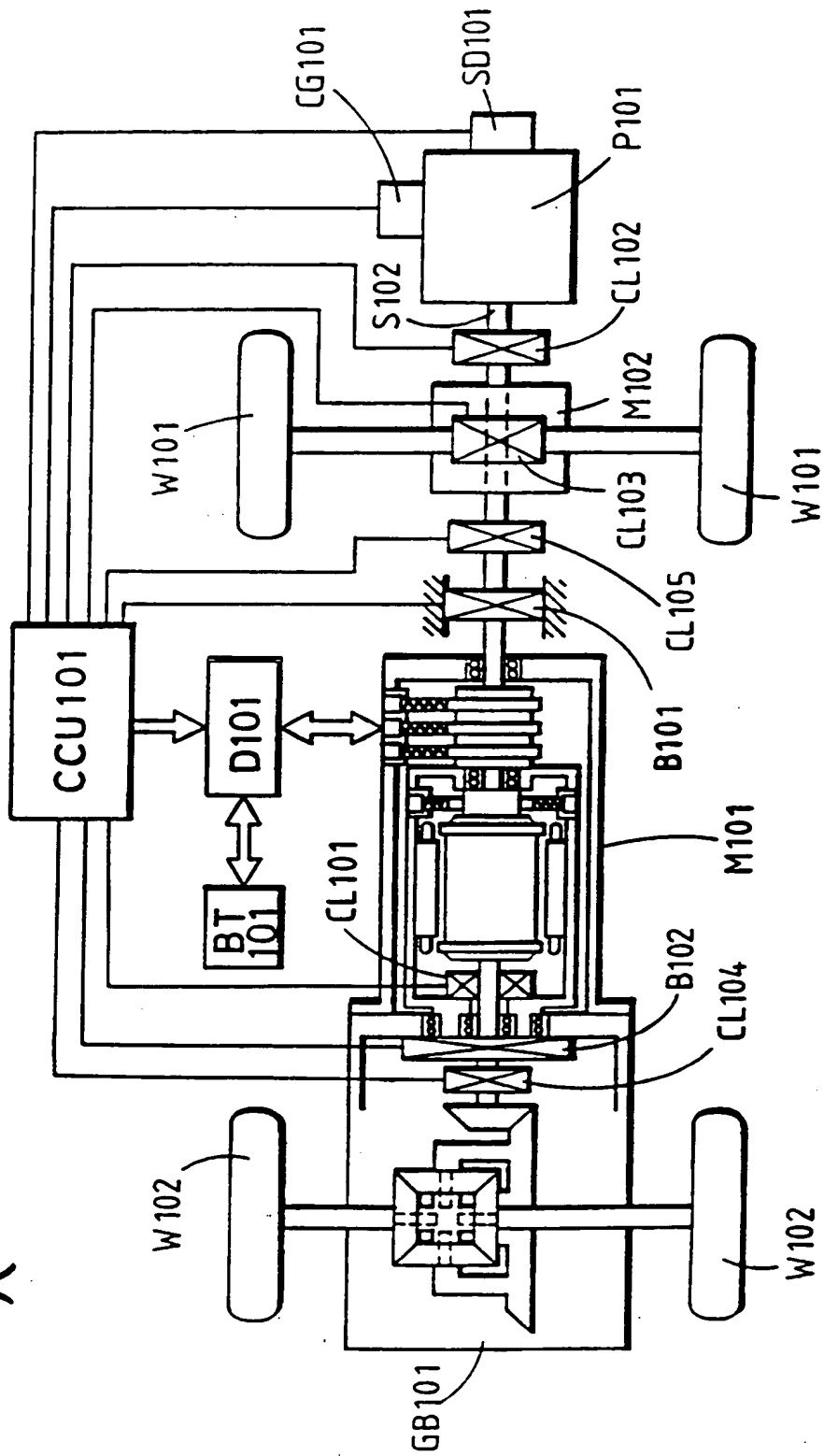


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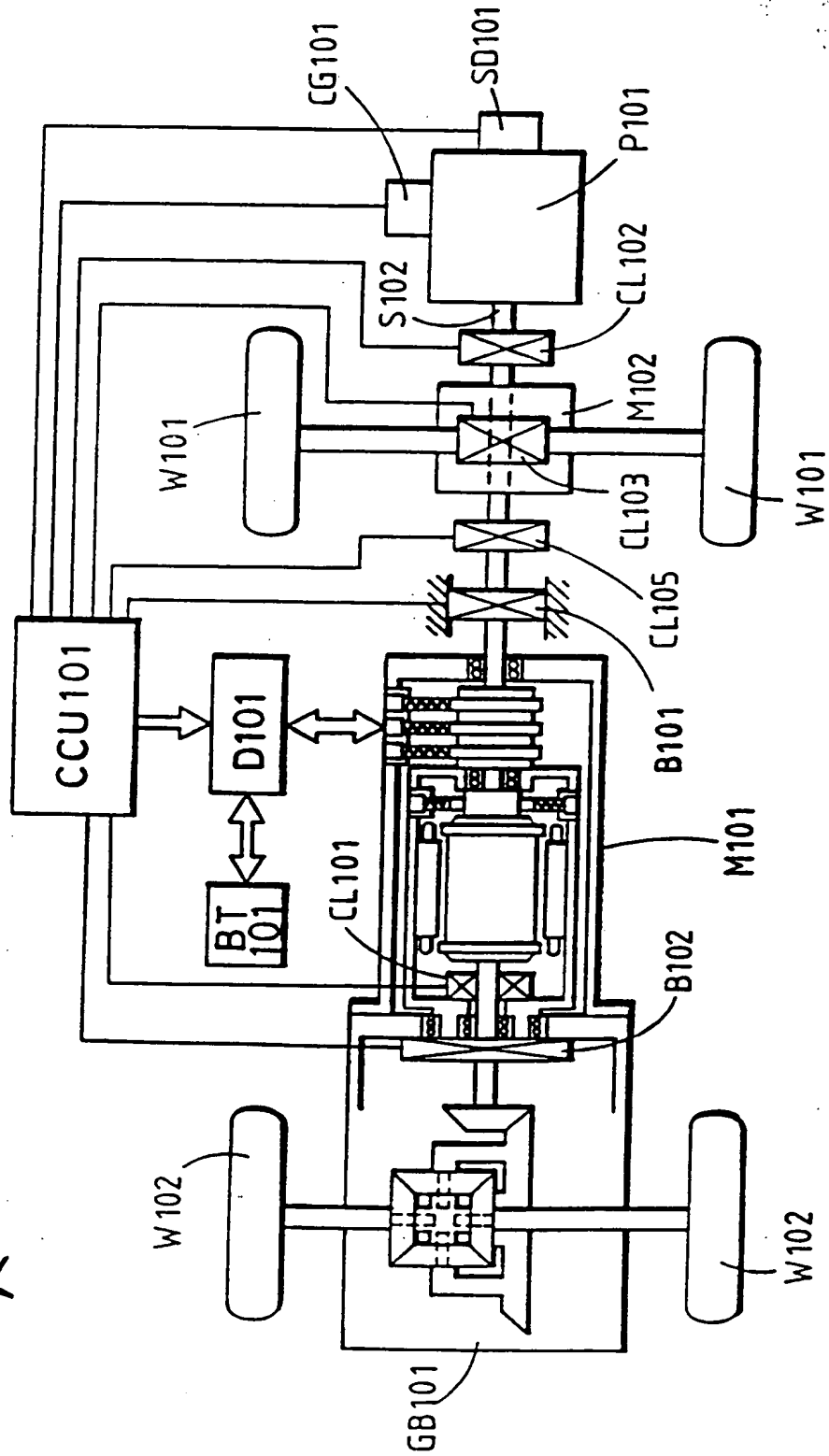




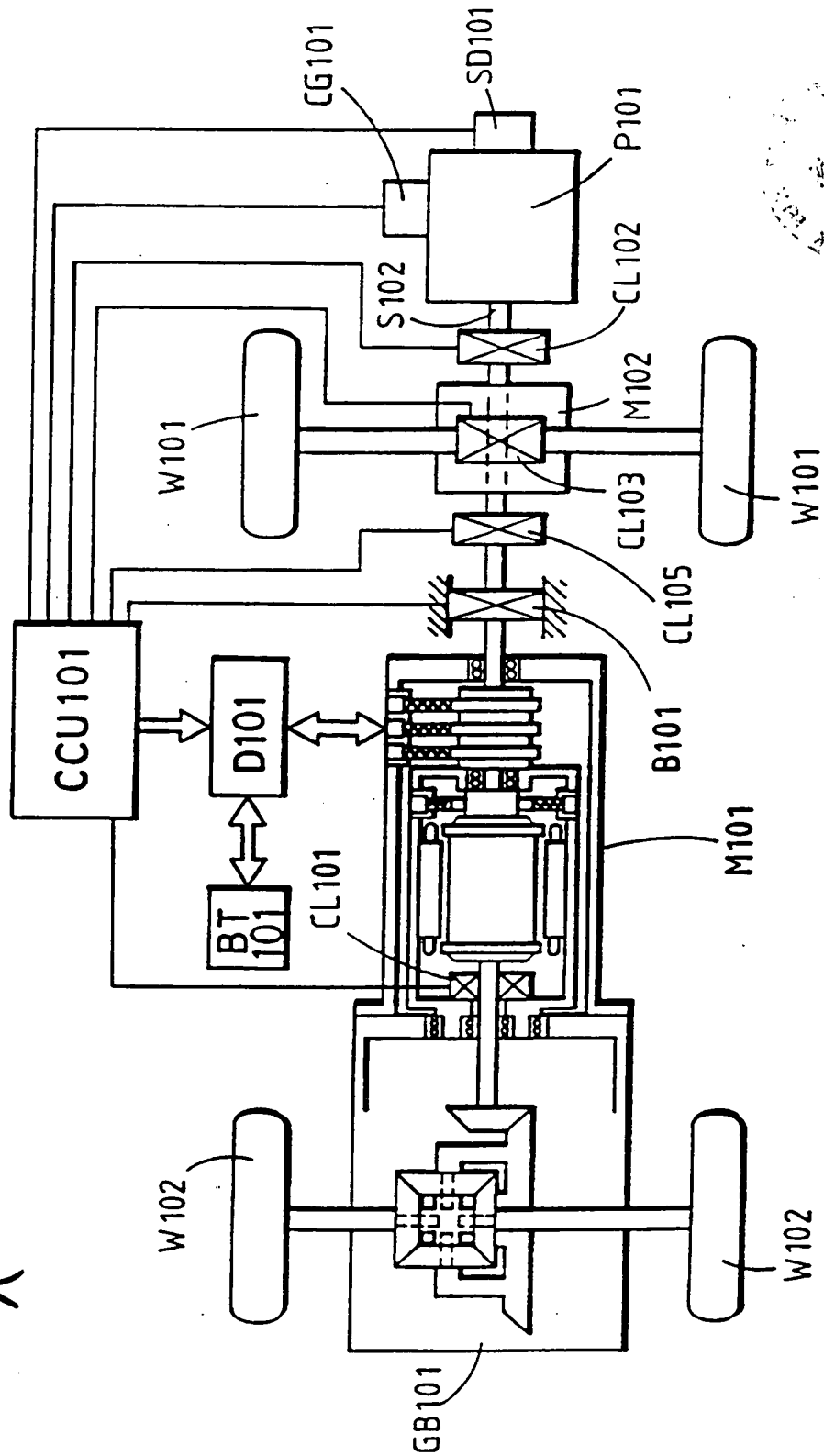
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